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1. PRESS TODAY FEATURED REPORT MOROCCAN FISHING INTERESTS INTEND BOYCOTT MEETING WITH SPANISH OWNERS PLANNED FOR APRIL 9 IN MALAGA. YA STRESSED " ACTIVE SOVIET ROLE IN MOROCCAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORESEEN BY HASSAN".

2. YA, ABC, THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT' S OFFICIAL VOICE, ARRIBA AND THE TECHNOCRAT FACTION' S NUEVO DIARIO, ALL INTERPRETED GOM' S " PROVOCATIONS" AS POLITICAL MANEUVER TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC DISCORD. ARRIBA EDITORIALIZED THAT UNDER- STANDABLE SPANISH " ATMOSPHERE OF HARDENED EXPECTATION" NOT CLARIFIED BY OFFICIAL SILENCE, WHILE NUEVO DIARIO PREACHED NEED TO FIND, SOMEHOW, A CIVILIZED ANSWER TO THIS DEAD END STREET".

3. COMMENT: CANCELLATION OF APRIL 9 MEETING IN MALAGA IS BLOW TO FONMIN' S MODERATE APPROACH, SINCE VAGUE HOPE OF AGREEMENT THROUGH DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN PRIVATE INTERESTS IS ABOUT
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ALL HE BROUGHT BACK FROM MARCH 27 TRIP TO RABAT (MADRID 1569).
NEXT STEP NOT CLEAR, AS SPANISH SIDE INCREASINGLY CONVINCED
GOM NOT DEEPLY INTERESTED IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME.
IF TRUE, THIS MAY BE DELIBERATE MOROCCAN COUNTERPOINT
TO LACK OF GOS INTEREST IN PROMPT RESOLUTION OF SAHARA QUES-
TANY ACTIONS WHICH
WHICH MIGHT DISPLEASE GOF.

3. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO WEST AFRICAN ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION, MUSA VOICED SUSPICION THAT FRATERNITE- MATIN
HEADLINES REPORTING ARIKPO SUPPORT FOR " CEAO" WERE
DELIBERATE GOIC EFFORT TO TWIST COMMISSIONER' S WORDS. HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT CEAO IS LITERAL TRANSLATION OF WAEC TO
WHICH ARIKPO REFERRED, BUT STILL REMAINED UNCONVINCED THAT
PRESS REPORTS HAD BEEN MADE IN GOOD FAITH. DELETION OF
REFERENCE TO CUTTING ACROSS LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL
BARRIERS FROM IVORIAN VERSION OF COMMUNIQUE (ABIDJAN 2043)
LIKELY REINFORCE MUSA' S SUSPICIONS ON THIS POINT.

4. SIMILAR DISTRUST SURFACED IN DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN
AFRICA . MUSA SAID IVORIANS TRIED HARD TO EXPLAIN THAT
THEIR INITIAL ADVOCACY OF " DIALOGUE" HAD NOT BEEN INTENDED
TO DISCOUNT VALUE OF LIBERATION STUGGLE. DIALOGUE, DOIC
OFFICIALS TOLD ARIKPO, HAD BEEN ADVANCED AS ONE OF SEVERAL
COURSES WHICH AFRICAN STATES SHOULD PURSUE IN THEIR EFFORT
TO ACHIEVE LIBERATION AND MAJORITY RULE, BUT WAS NOT ENVIS-
AGED AS EXCLUSIVE APPROACH. IVORIANS CITED ALGERIAN PRE-
CEDENT, WHERE SECRET NEGOTIATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE IN
PARALLEL WITH ARMED STRUGGLE, AND ALLEGED THAT GOIC DIALOGUE
PROPOSAL WAS PUT FORWARD IN SAME SENSE. MUSA COMMENTED,
HOWEVER, THAT THIS SEEMED TO NIGERIANS NOTHING MORE THAN
ATTEMPT BY GOIC TO RECOVER AFTER FINDING THEMSELVES BADLY
ISOLATED BY INITIAL DIALOGUE PROPOSAL, AND HE
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